WHY WE NEED A QUALITY STANDARD FOR

Dementia Care in the Community

Many of the 111,100 people in Ontario who live with dementia and reside in the community have complex care needs.¹

With proactive care and the right support, they can live safely and independently at home, easing demands on caregivers and emergency services.

The number of people living with dementia in the community increased by 46% between 2009/10 and 2015/16, and is projected to rise by a further 16% between 2015/16 and 2020/21.¹

The percentage of those receiving home care varies by region – between 52% and 62% of people living with dementia in the community received home care in 2015/16.¹

Nearly half of long-stay home care patients living with dementia have caregivers who are distressed.

Among long-stay home care patients who exhibit behavioural symptoms of dementia, more than 60% have caregivers who are distressed.²

Together, we can improve the quality of care for people in the community living with dementia.

That’s why Health Quality Ontario—in collaboration with clinical experts, patients, and caregivers—has developed this quality standard outlining what quality care looks like.

¹ Dementia Capacity Planning Project – CCO.
² Resident Assessment Instrument-Home Care (RAI-HC), University of Waterloo, 2013/14 data.

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